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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM WILSON, D/HA

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SUBJECT: EXPANDED PAROLE PROGRAM

YOU AND YOUR HARD WORKING STAFF WILL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT IN A CLIFF-HANGER OF HISTORIC PROPORTIONS FUNDS WERE FINALLY OBLIGATED FOR 10,991 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES UNDER THE EXPANDED PAROLE PROGRAM (EPP) BY C.O.B. JUNE 30. ABOUT 7 P.M. THAT SAME EVENING THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION BILL WAS SIGNED, AT LAST MAKING FFUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE MOVEMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF THE LAO REFUGEES UNDER THE EPP. CONSIDERING THAT FINAL APPROVAL OF THE EPP WAS UNDER THE GRANTED UNTIL MAY 5, ALL CONCERNED WITH THIS PROGRAM CAN BE PROUD AND PLEASED WITH THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT.

CLEARLY, THE EXTENSIVE PRE-SCREENING AND PLANNING BY THE EMBASSY'S OFFICE OF REFUGEE AFFAIRS WAS CRUCIAL IN THIS EFFORT AS WAS THE REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT BY THE INS OFFICERS IN INTERVIEWING AND ASSIGNING "A" NUMBERS TO MORE UNCLASSIFIED

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THAN 10,000 REFUGEES IN THAILAND IN A LITTLE OVER A MONTH.

MUCH CREDIT IS DUE TO ALL FOR A TOUGH JOB WELL DONE.

THE BALL IS NOW IN THE VOLAGS'COURT, AND THEY PROMISE A
STEADY AND GROWING FLOW OF SPONSON VERIFICATIONS.AS THEY
BECOME INCREASINGLY AVAILABLE, THE LOCUS OF ACTION WILL

ONCE MORE SHIFT TO BANGKOK AND TO ICEM. HAVING MADE SUCH
A FINE START ON THE EPP, OUR CONTINUING JOINT EFFORTS
SHOULD CERTAINLY BRING IT TO A FINAL SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

ONCE AGAIN, MY CONGRATULATIONS TO ROSENBLATT, THOMPSON,
CORCOS AND THEIR STAFFS AND MY PERSONAL THANKS TO YOU FOR
YOUR SUSTAINED INTEREST AND UNFLAGGING SUPPORT. KISSINGER

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